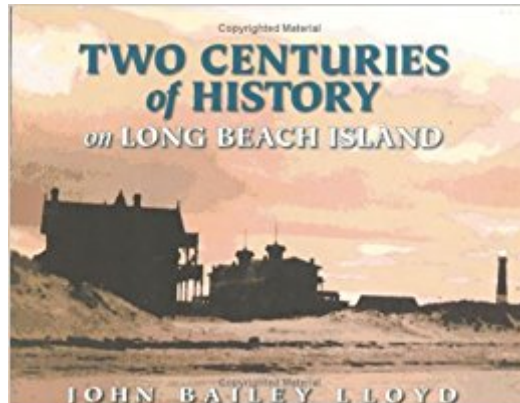




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Synopsis

The third in John Bailey Lloyd's Long Beach Island pictorial books reveals more about Island architecture, names, shipwrecks, storms, and the mainland too. It also includes a more personal focus of the people who have left their imprint on this sandy shore. Chapters include: Summer People; Long Beach Islanders; the Lucy Evelyn at Christmas; Township Lifeguarding; Fishing; Barnegat City -- Fever at the Oceanic, and the Signal House; the yacht San Souci; Beach Haven Houses -- Parry House and Coral Street, Curlew Cottage, Onion Domes; Beach Haven Merchants; Engleside Baby Dairy; Purkey's Pond; Tucker's Light; the Tuckerton Wireless; Pinelands Plains, Cedar Bogs; and the story of the Hawkin' Bear.

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"Every time people pass the shack on the Causeway, they wonder who owns it, who built it, what was it for. John Bailey Lloyd knew. Whenever people go to the north end of the Island, they wonder how Old Barney got its name. John Bailey Lloyd knew. And what was the Mansion of Health all about, and was there really a swamp where Surf City now sits, and when was beer ten cents a glass? John Bailey Lloyd knew, and in two marvelously entertaining books, told us. Six Miles at Sea: A Pictorial History of Long Beach Island and Eighteen Miles of History have been perennial best sellers here, but each time Lloyd finished one, he found out more stuff and discovered more pictures and heard more stories. He put some of these into an occasional newspaper column and was finishing work on [this] third volume when he died two years ago. And

now his publisher, Down The Shore, has brought out Two Centuries of History on Long Beach Island, which expands our knowledge and appreciation and enjoyment of "this blessed isle" and makes us miss Lloyd all the more. Few places can boast their own historian but JBL, as he was known in almost paired initials to LBI (he once joked that if took his English version of John -- Ian -- he'd be IBL), was not a fusty, archive-bound regurgitator of dim and moldy pasts, but a live-in, live on part of this place -- knowledgeable, affable and eager to share. Because he kept learning, so did we. ... You can dip into this book anywhere and find yourself absorbed. ...Two Centuries of History -- the name sort of continues JBL's numerical run -- is not just a treasure of trivia; it's a living history. ... The book is full of photos still so vivid you almost imagine being there yourself." --The Beachcomber

John Bailey Lloyd was an author, librarian, newspaper columnist, speaker, and historian on Long Beach Island, at the New Jersey Shore. He died in 2003 at age 71. Frequently referred to as "Long Beach Island's historian," although no such official position existed, he was employed as a reference librarian in the Ocean County Library System. His passion was for local history, however, and as an engaging speaker, he gave weekly talks on shore history at standing-room-only programs in his home town of Beach Haven for two decades. He wrote a widely-read column and historical features for the Island's newspapers, which were equally popular with residents and summer visitors on the resort island. Mr. Lloyd authored three best-selling books, including Six Miles At Sea and Eighteen Miles of History. The books focused on Long Beach Island, but captured much of the history of the entire New Jersey Shore. He also wrote two biographical introductions to other books, including The Tides of Barnegat, by F. Hopkinson Smith, and a short story included in Shore Stories, a literary anthology. He provided material and the basis for three historical videos, including programs about the Barnegat Lighthouse and the Lost Resort of Sea Haven: Tucker s Island. Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1932, he had been on Long Beach Island since he was ten years old -- in time to see old landmarks like the Beach Haven boardwalk, the Engleside Hotel and the vast emptiness of the Island as it once was. With time out for service in the Coast Guard, graduate school and some travel, he spent nearly every summer on the Island. In 1977 his family became permanent residents and moved into their Beach Haven summer home -- a roomy, three-story Victorian built in 1879. The home, as much a museum and gallery as any historical museum, received John's constant attention and he delighted in showing visitors photographs and artifacts. An inveterate reader all his life, the walls and rafters of every room were lined with his collection of books. Excerpts, the author's bibliography, and additional information about John Bailey Lloyd's

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